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Violence breaks out after S.A. rally

5,000 were protesting death of black man in Minnesota

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An estimated 5,000 demonstrators marched through the streets of downtown Saturday evening to protest the death of George Floyd, an unarmed African-American man who died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes.

Although the march largely was peaceful, protesters afterward smashed windows and clashed with police in streets near Alamo Plaza.

About 10 p.m., officers fired tear gas to scatter protesters massed at North Alamo and East Houston streets. Elsewhere, police fired pepper-spray projectiles.

Earlier, demonstrators pelted a police car with eggs and shattered windows at a visitor information center and on shops and offices along Houston.

The demonstration began about 5 p.m. at Travis Park. Participants then paraded through downtown to demonstrate in

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» *Protests are held in other Texas cities.* **A5**

People rally in front of the Alamo to protest the death of George Floyd in Minnesota while he was in police custody.

Matthew Busch / Contributor

Chef's claims also are dubious

Food pact partner's résumé overstated

By Brian Chasnoff and Tom Orsborn
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As more questions surface about the credentials of a San Antonio events planner who won a $39 million food relief contract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, similar alarms are sounding about his partner in the venture, local caterer Iverson Brownell.

Palomino

Brownell, who worked as a chef and caterer in Utah and South Carolina before moving to Texas, said on his website and on LinkedIn that he "initiated (the) concept" of a restaurant inside a yurt on a mountaintop in Park City, Utah; that he "co-created" a popular television show on ESPN; and that he "was chosen by the United States Olympic Committee for the USA House to be Head Chef" at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Although Brownell worked on each of these projects, his description of the roles he played is exaggerated, leaders of those ventures say.

Brownell was hired as a chef in the yurt by its creators, led a segment on the ESPN show years after it was created and worked as a sous chef at the 2004 Olympics.

Brownell filed for personal

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For the teenagers born in the shadow of 9/11, life itself has been an education

Josie Norris / Staff photographer

Logan Schreier is graduating from the Design and Technology Academy at Roosevelt High, where he helped start the city's first high school drone league. He's going to Stanford.

GRADUATES SHOW A LOT OF CLASS

By Greg Luca, Alia Malik and Krista Torralva | STAFF WRITERS

The members of the high school class of 2020 were born within months of Sept. 11, 2001.

Growing up in a country that has been at war since before they can remember, the graduates were marked by other events, easily adopted new technologies and social media and seemed brushed with an idealism severely tested in a cynical age.

The coronavirus collapsed their senior year into homebound "distance learning," bigger family responsibilities and uncertainties not seen since the 1930s and 1940s.

Smacked by history, they are clearheaded about what they lost and what might lie ahead. Here are a few of them from San Antonio.

Kevin Rodriguez, East Central Independent School District

East Central High School's

Graduates continues on A18

Kin Man Hui / Staff photographer

Yasmin Banuelos is a Travis Early College High grad and the SAC distinguished liberal arts graduate. She's going to Texas Tech.

Billy Calzada / Staff photographer

Wagner High's Dominique Lang was a National Honor Society member with a 4.0 GPA. She's headed to Prairie View A&M University.

Mayor steady, cautious in crisis

But Nirenberg still is facing challenges

By Joshua Fechter
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At the beginning of the year, the biggest question facing Mayor Ron Nirenberg was whether he could win a victory for expanded public transit at the November ballot box.

Now the questions are much bigger: whether Nirenberg can bring an economy wracked by the coronavirus pandemic back to its feet, fix many of the city's longstanding inequities and keep the disease at bay.

A deliberative policy-maker in normal times, Nirenberg has had to adapt to the fast-paced, unrelenting nature of a global crisis.

When the virus made its way to San Antonio in March, he and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff had to act quickly to put restrictions in place to slow the spread of the disease, even if it meant residents and businesses would suffer economically.

Those restrictions appear to have worked. Of the four major Texas metros, Bexar County has the fewest number of coronavirus cases and fewest

Mayor continues on A19

Coronavirus at a glance

1,769,776
Confirmed cases in U.S.

62,933
In Texas

2,825
In Bexar County

103,768
Deaths in U.S.

1,661
In Texas

73
In Bexar County

Source: WHO, CDC

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